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Classified By: Ambassador Stephen Seche, reason 1.4 (g)

[1](#). SUMMARY: (S/NF) On 12/12/08 the Sanaa EAC met to discuss the Embassy's security posture in light of continued threat reporting against embassies, hotels, and other Western interests in Yemen. The EAC determined that the Sheraton Hotel should be put off-limits for the time being and the TDYers removed. END SUMMARY.

[2](#). (S/NF) On 12/12/08 the Ambassador convened the EAC to discuss continued threat information received by the Embassy. EAC members in attendance were: AMB, RSO, POLM, OMC, FPD, MO, MSG, POLE, LEGATT, and CONS.

[3](#). (S/NF) GRPO reviewed the current threat information in reftels.

[4](#). (S/NF) The EAC decided that in light of the current and continued threats the following actions should be taken:

- Remove TDY personnel from the Sheraton Hotel and house them in Embassy owned or leased housing.
- RSO will issue a security notice to all Embassy personnel informing them that the Sheraton is now off-limits.
- Review TDY list and determine which TDYers are mission-critical. All others will depart Post.
- Issue a Warden Message informing the community that the Embassy is placing Western hotels off-limits to its staff and official visitors.

[5](#). (S/NF) The EAC discussed upcoming VIP visitors to Post. The EAC agreed that General Cleveland's visit should continue as he will be on the ground for only a few hours, and only at the Embassy. The EAC recommended that Senator Feingold's visit should be postponed for the foreseeable future.

[5](#). (SBU) The EAC will continue to monitor all available intelligence and security sources for additional information concerning threats to the Embassy, American and Western communities in Yemen.

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